
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6790

State of Washington 57th Legislature

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Spanel and Gardner)

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the increase of personal use
2 shellfish license fees to fund biotoxin testing and monitoring by the
3 department of health of beaches used for recreational shellfishing;
4 adding a new section to chapter 77.32 RCW; creating new sections; and
5 declaring an emergency.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that testing and
8 monitoring of beaches used for recreational shellfishing is essential
9 to ensure the health of recreational shellfishers. The legislature
10 also finds that it is essential to have a stable and reliable source of
11 funding for such biotoxin testing and monitoring. The legislature also
12 finds that the cost of the resident and nonresident personal use
13 shellfish and seaweed licenses is undervalued and not properly aligned
14 with neighboring states and provinces.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 77.32 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 In addition to the fees authorized in this chapter, the department
18 shall include a surcharge to fund biotoxin testing and monitoring by

1 the department of health of beaches used for recreational shellfishing.
2 A surcharge of two dollars applies to the following licenses: (1)
3 Resident and nonresident shellfish and seaweed licenses as authorized
4 by RCW 77.32.520(2)(a); and (2) resident and nonresident adult
5 combination licenses as authorized by RCW 77.32.470(2)(a). Amounts
6 collected from this surcharge must be deposited in the general fund--
7 local account managed by the department of health.

8 Amounts in excess of the annual costs of the department of health
9 recreational shellfish testing and monitoring program shall be
10 transferred to the general fund by the department of health.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The fee increase proposed in this act must
12 be implemented in the department of fish and wildlife's license fee
13 structure for the license year beginning April 1, 2002.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
16 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
17 immediately.

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